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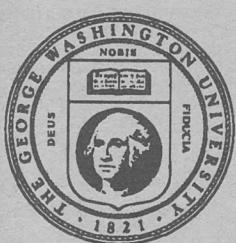
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Clinton takes oath, calls for 'spring of hope'

by Deborah Solomon

Editor-in-Chief

More than a decade of Republican rule came to a much-anticipated close yesterday as William Jefferson Clinton took the Presidential Oath of Office and was sworn-in as the 42nd president of the United States.

The 52nd Presidential Inauguration got underway at 11:45 a.m. as Albert Gore Jr. was sworn-in as the 45th U.S. Vice President by Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White. As a result of the buildup of events leading to this day, hundreds of thousands of onlookers cheered, hollered and even cried as Clinton and Gore officially took office.

Clinton invigorated the crowd with his speech which called upon all people, young and old, to help each other. He pleaded with the public to renew America by taking "more responsibility not only for ourselves and our families but for our communities and our country."

His uncharacteristically-brief speech culminated the "hope" campaign by pointing out the problems within the United States and suggesting ways for everyone to help revitalize the country. Clinton's attitude toward rebuilding America was positive, but he said the job that lies ahead will not be an easy one. He asked each American to do his or her part to help. "To renew America we must be bold. We must do what no

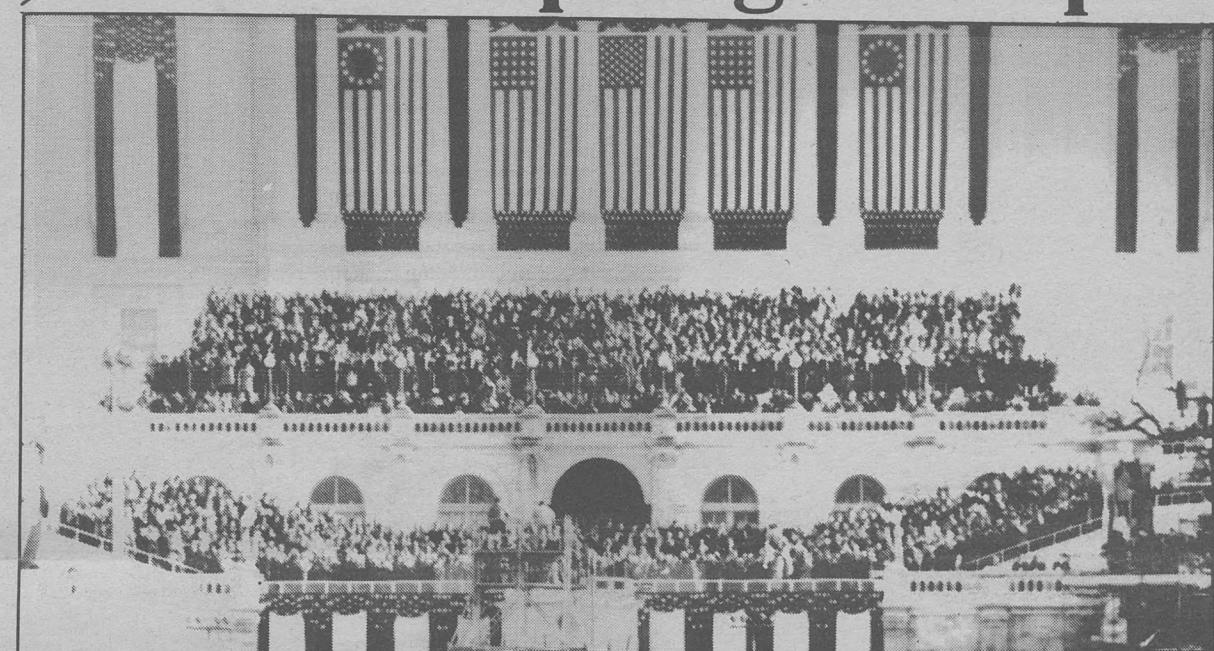
generation has had to do before. We must invest more in our own people, in their jobs and in their future, and at the same time cut our massive debt . . . It will not be easy. It will require sacrifice, but it can be done and done fairly," he said.

Clinton focused much of his speech on Congress and the problems the political body has experienced. He said in order for America to reach its fullest potential it is necessary to "revitalize our democracy." A spirited crowd exploded in cheer as Clinton pointed out, "Powerful people maneuver for position and worry endlessly about who is in and who is out, who is up and who is down, forgetting those people whose toil and sweat sends us here and pays our way."

The major theme of Clinton's speech was that America needs to get going and to once again be a strong and "bold" leader. Clinton invoked the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and called for a "government for our tomorrow, not our yesterdays."

In one of his final sentences, Clinton again let the public know that a lot of work needs to be done, but reminded everyone that they must play a part in the country's renewal and give of themselves.

At Clinton's request poet Maya Angelou wrote and recited a poem for the Inauguration. "On The Pulse of



CROWDS AMASS around President Clinton and Vice President Gore as they were sworn in at the Capitol Wednesday. More than 200,000 people attended the ceremony.

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*And into your sister's eyes, into
Your brother's face, your country
And say simply
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Good Morning*

Although the official Inaugural

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events have ended, Clinton will continue to meet some of the public today at the White House Open House. More than 2,500 people will meet the president Thursday, and Clinton is expected to begin signing executive orders shortly after the Open House concludes.

GW hosts affordable gala for all

by Zachary Nienus

Hatchet Staff Writer

Those who planned the GW Inaugural Ball held the same attitude as those who planned President Clinton's Inauguration: to make the celebration in

honor of the new president accessible to all.

More than 1,300 guests, including a large number of sharply-dressed staff and students, attended. The celebration began at 8 p.m., and guests continued to

arrive in large numbers throughout the night. "We are ecstatic about the number (of people) that showed up," GW Director of Public Information Mike Freedman said. "This is our first ball, and we had no idea that the turnout would be anything like this."

Freedman said he was pleased with the large number of GW students in attendance. "The purpose of the ball was to give the students an accessible way to participate in celebrations in Washington."

Several local news organizations were there to attest to the ball's accessibility. Among them was Lila Orbach, from WBAL-TV in Baltimore. "One of the reasons we chose to come to this ball over others was that the price of tickets (\$20) made the ball accessible to most people, including the students. That was something we wanted to check up on, how the students felt about the ball," she said.

GW sophomore Deirdre Butler said she was pleased with what she saw. "I think it's fabulous. I'm very impressed with the effort they have put in." Butler said one of the main attractions for her was the entertainment, which included two bands — Formula and King James and the Serfs of Swing — and a Clinton impersonator.



photo by Sloan Ginn

STUDENTS CELEBRATE in formal style at GW's first-ever Inaugural Ball.

Students grill panel about political issues

by Doug Morris and Vince Tuss

Hatchet Staff Writers

The role of youth in politics must constantly increase in order to usher America through its future problems, ranging from the national debt, educational reform and health care, panelists said to more than 500 people at the Inaugural Town Meeting for America's Youth Tuesday.

Two groups active in bringing out the youth vote, Lead or Leave and Rock the Vote, along with the GW Program Board, sponsored the meeting which attracted high school and college students from around the nation.

Actor Robert ("Terminator 2") Patrick introduced and Hal Bruno of ABC News moderated the discussion between the audience and U.S. Sen. Hank Brown (R-Colo.), Rep. Cleo Fields (D-La.), Rep. Susan Molinari (R-N.Y.), Rep. Jim Nussle (R-Iowa) and state Sen. Tom Hayden (D-Calif.).

"To be involved in the citizenship is a way to address a feeling of alienation," Hayden said. Brown said younger generations should be involved because of the growing national debt.

In order to become involved, Brown suggested that students not only vote, but also pursue other methods of participation, such as attending town meetings or getting involved in campaigns. The panelists also encouraged younger people to run for office and discussed the qualities it takes to get elected.

"It's very clear from listening to any one of us or the majority of the members of Congress that it doesn't take high intellect to get elected to office. But what it does take is courage," Molinari said.

An example of what involvement in politics could bring, even in the college years, emerged from the audience. Fidel Vargas, the 24-year-old mayor of Baldwin Park, Calif., — home of 70,000 people — came forward and joined

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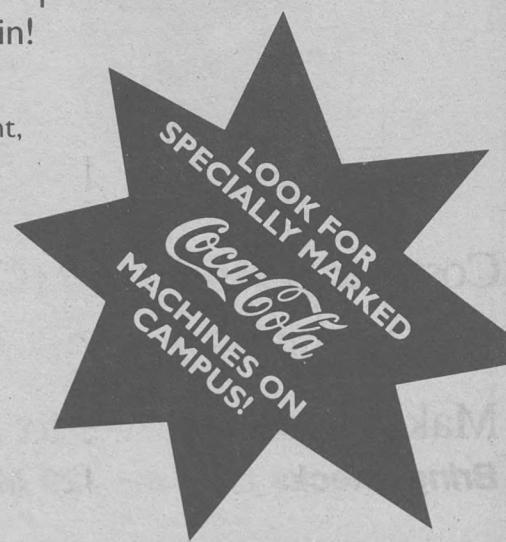
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University changes sign-in policy again

by Elissa Leibowitz

News Editor

The University has changed the visitor sign-in policy for Thurston Hall residents, which was temporarily instituted in December after two Thurston visitors overdosed on heroin while in the hall.

The newest policy allows two methods for residents to sign in visitors, depending on the guest's length of stay, according to Rebecca Virta, assistant director of the Office of Residential Life. All guests are still required to sign in with the Residence Hall Receptionist or University Police officer on duty, but now must leave their picture identification with the RHR or officer while they are in Thurston. When the guests leave, they can pick up their identification.

If a guest is staying overnight, he or she must complete a form with the visitor's name, permanent address, telephone number and types of ID shown. A copy of the form will serve as that visitor's "Guest Pass," Thurston Resident Director Rob Yarborough said. Visitors must keep the guest pass in their possession at all times while in the building.

The policy implemented prior to winter break required all visitors to complete a visitor form. The policy also limited guests to one per room, Yarbor-

ough said. Now, each resident may sign in one guest at a time. Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the RD. Students were reminded to tell their roommates if they host a visitor.

Virta said many residents were unhappy with the previous policy, which she said was cumbersome to students and visitors who had to wait in a long line to complete the form. Thurston Hall President Jay Pantaleo circulated a petition protesting the new sign-in policies in December. "The fact that so many people were unhappy was taken into account," Virta said.

Yarborough agreed, and said the students' concerns influenced the policy change. "Obviously, in a situation such as this, we met half way. (The policy now) is a little more lenient, not as administrative. We still felt we had to have some check of accountability for GW guests though," he said.

So far, the policy has been accommodating. "It's serving our purpose. It seems to be working pretty well," Yarborough said, adding that he has not heard much reaction from students at this point.

The policy amended the Residence Hall Regulations and Policies. ORL plans to review the policy May 15.

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Well, let's keep the ball rolling!

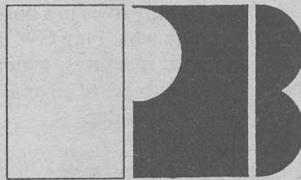
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EDITORIALS

Carpe Diem

Welcome President Clinton. Get to work.

Yesterday, Bill Clinton became the 42nd president of the United States and, finally, inherited the power to act on all of the ideas and promises he made during the campaign and the transition. He must begin to use that power immediately.

Clinton was accused in the campaign of trying to please everyone and, subsequently, failing to stand firmly on anything. In recent weeks, Clinton has raised those criticisms and doubts again as he hedged on his position to allow homosexuals in the military, now saying he would investigate the issue where he once said it was a done deal. Furthermore, Clinton has, dare we say, waffled on his criticism of the Bush administration's policy to deny asylum to Haitians fleeing their land by recently supporting then-President Bush's blockade of that island to prevent the boats filled with refugees from setting sail for America.

All of this is not to jump on our colleagues in the press' bandwagon of Clinton-bashing but, rather, to lend some advice to the newly-inaugurated man: Quit campaigning, you are president now.

The first step in that process is for Clinton to realize he is in charge. His words and deeds carry serious ramifications, but even more importantly, what his critics and the press think are no longer important. What the people want and what is best for the country are paramount.

His loyalty must lie in the promises he made to the people who elected him. The most important of these, then and now, is to right the economy. Despite reports that the recession is over and things are looking up, many people are still unemployed in this country and still more are, as Clinton puts it, working harder for less. President Clinton, submit your economic plan to Congress immediately — it is already behind schedule. Work with them, not against them, to see it through. Show us that you can provide the relief you said you would.

Second, President Clinton, reform health care. During the campaign you told us we deserved better than what we get for the price we pay. You are now president, do something about it. Again, work with congressional leaders and start the ball rolling. The longer you wait the harder it will be.

But looming over Clinton's and all of our heads in all of this is the deficit. President Clinton, this is the mortgage on the young Americans' dreams you addressed in your inaugural speech. You pledged to cut the deficit in half in five years. Now you are saying it might not happen so soon. If you are truly to be a president for the young generation as well as the old, cut spending, reform Washington, give us the chances you had. All the MTV and rock 'n' roll in the world means nothing without starting to work on the debt which exploded under the last 12 years of Republican administrations.

No one man can accomplish all of this in one term, much less the first 100 days of office. That is why Clinton must learn to delegate authority. He was elected in large part for his ability to get involved with the nitty-gritty and to relate to us, the people. But in order to accomplish those things he was sent to do, he must allow his staff to take control of things and do work for him. Micro-management in particulars is a strength, in everything it is a tragic weakness.

Intrinsically related to this is the business of appointments. Clinton is behind and subsequently backing up the Senate's approval process. While his Cabinet may be in place soon, there are hundreds of positions to be filled and confirmed. Nothing will run smoothly until this is done. Get moving.

The word around town is that the honeymoon is over but the truth is there never was one. As of Wednesday at noon, Bill Clinton became president. As of today, he must start playing catch up. With a 60 percent approval rating, the people of this country are asking and expecting a lot starting with his first full day of office, today.

Welcome to Washington, President Clinton. Seize the day.

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OP ~ EDS

CRs board member questions heart, dedication of group's detractor

Graham Klemm's op-ed charges warrant a quick and sharp response. First on the list is his resignation. I can with much confidence state that his resignation was accepted with no regret on the part of the board. During the campaign, his level of commitment to the club and to our events left much to be desired. He never voiced his concerns to the board nor did he make much effort to attend those events and meetings which we did plan. In fact, we had general members who attended more board meetings than Mr. Klemm. How he expected to be completely informed of all College Republicans' activities without even attending all of his own board meetings remains a mystery. In short, I would not classify Mr. Klemm as an involved member of the board.

Second, his charge of the CRs as having two purposes is also unfounded. Apparently, Mr. Klemm has never read the literature which abounds at CRs meetings and in our office. Our purpose on this campus is to promote the basic Republican ideals and thus the party. If Mr. Klemm had been in attendance at his board meetings he would have realized the constraints, budgetary and logically, which all clubs on this campus operate under. As a freshman, he has not been here long enough and has not been actively involved enough to understand the complexities of being a club on this campus. He has displayed this shoot-off-at-the-mouth behavior before and we hope he learns to think before he writes in the future.

He also charges that the board is a bastion of the religious right and unrepresentative of the membership. Well, Mr. Klemm, you strike out again. In the first place, the board is elected each year by a majority vote of the general membership. If he feels that majority voting is unrepresentative, then perhaps he needs to take a statistics course. Furthermore, the political makeup of the board is very diverse. There are representatives from all spectrums of the Republican party, from conservative to moderate. I find his characterization of the board as unrepresentative completely unfounded. He also charges that the GW CRs do not represent the interests of Republicans. The charge is ludicrous considering that College Republicans is not an independent club. We are chartered, much like a Greek-letter organization, by the College Republicans National Committee (CRNC). If we did not reflect the beliefs of the Republican Party our charter would be revoked and we would no longer exist as a club. In reality, the CRNC has never been more pleased with the operation and performance of this club. Perhaps if he had attended more of the board meetings he would have realized this.

Klemm further slanders the GW College Republicans with his assessment of our communication with our members. For

every event we follow a fairly standard procedure:

1. Postering campus with fliers (which usually last about a half hour before people hostile to the Republican Party tear them down).

2. Fliers are mailed to all members' rooms

3. We call each member personally to remind them of the event.

At this time, I would like to say that to the best of my knowledge, Mr. Klemm never assisted us in those communication efforts. Communication is further assisted by a general membership meeting each month and the open invitation to

Dan Balkus

all general members to attend board meetings held every Sunday. Mr. Klemm apparently lives in a bubble. I find it odd that he could not tell anyone what Flag GW is, considering it has been discussed at board meetings, general membership meetings and has been the subject of several articles in both The GW Hatchet and the Insider.

In his last statement Mr. Klemm states, "I simply hope . . . the GW College Republicans does not reflect the problems that the national Republican Party has." I would like to state that I hope Graham Klemm does not represent the problems of the RNC. Instead of bringing his concerns to the board and attempting to work with us to allay them and make ours a better club, he has gone off half-cocked making charges and abandoning the organization which he feels should be vital to the campus. The College Republicans is a strong, active club which is only getting better. Even with the defeat in November, our membership continues to rise. We encourage all members to become active. The board not only appreciates your participation and suggestions, we hunger for them. For the next four years we must pull together to make sure the opposing view point is heard. Mr. Klemm has chosen to abandon ship.

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OP ~ EDS

Roe v. Wade parallels Dred Scott decision and its faults

With the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision almost upon us, we can expect marches, demonstrations and general democratic mayhem all around. It is my hope that Americans will actually look back to the decision itself to examine the catalyst of this most heated and emotional debate. In my opinion, the *Roe* decision, in reasoning, method, and in its detrimental effects on our protection of human rights, most closely resembles the infamous *Dred Scott* decision of 1857.

In *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, a slave, Scott, sued for his freedom on the grounds that he was taken to a free territory where slavery was outlawed and thereby became a free man. In a now universally condemned decision, Chief Justice Taney wrote that nowhere could a slave be regarded as free, and that Scott should remain a slave. According to Taney, to outlaw slavery was unconstitutional. He deliberately overlooked the fact that the Constitution does not say that slavery is a protected form of property. Nowhere is the banning of the practice of slavery disallowed.

Such was Taney's bias in favor of slavery that he was willing to invent a protection that was not there. Others, however, were appalled by his audacity. In his dissenting opinion, Judge Benjamin Curtis wrote, "No particular clause of the Constitution has been referred to . . ." To quote Robert Bork, "How did Taney know that slave

ownership was a constitutional right? Such a right is nowhere to be found in the Constitution. He knew it because he was passionately convinced that it must be a constitutional right." At that moment the United States was not ruled by the Constitution, but by Taney's prejudices.

The question in the *Roe vs. Wade* case was essentially whether or not a state is allowed to

defense. The 14th Amendment, passed to protect the freed slaves, states only that the people's privileges and immunities shall not be abridged, that people shall not be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, and that each person is guaranteed equal protection under the laws. The ninth simply states that the mention of rights in the Constitution cannot be used to deny rights already retained by the people of the states. It doesn't take a sophisticated legal scholar to see that in none of these clauses is there anything close to the idea that any action performed in private is automatically protected. Giving constitutional protection to an action, without any text to back it up, simply because it is performed in private is absurd.

Also interesting was Justice Rehnquist's dissent in which he asks: How, exactly, can a medical procedure which involves a patient, a doctor, a nurse, and often the patient's family, be considered private? Obviously it cannot. To slightly alter Bork's words above, "How did (the Court) know that (abortion) was a constitutional right? Such a right is nowhere to be found in the Constitution. (They) knew it because (they) were passionately convinced that it must be a constitutional right."

But why should we be concerned about this decision? After all, the justices were only trying to protect women's rights, weren't they? As a

constitutional republic, America relies on its judges to practice restraint. No matter the judges' personal opinions, they are bound to interpret the Constitution, and not to write laws themselves. In both *Dred Scott* and *Roe*, the people and their elected representatives were taken out of an important decision, and a panel of judges ruled by decree. When the people are not allowed to decide an issue which the Constitution does not finally resolve, they have lost the right to govern themselves, and power from the people's hands is usurped.

The final parallel between *Dred Scott* and *Roe* is to be found in the effect these decisions had on human rights in our country. Both *Roe* and *Dred Scott* took a segment of humanity and denied them "personhood." When we allow any part of humanity to be denied "personhood" we weaken our own claim to inalienable rights as human beings. Whether they are an oppressed minority or unborn children, we must never let human beings be treated as property. It is hard for us today to imagine how the highest court of our country could sanction the cruelties of slavery. Yet, history may pass the same judgment on the courts that gave protection to the practice which kills 1.7 million children a year.

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outlaw or seriously restrict the practice of abortion in its jurisdiction. The heart and soul of the decision is as follows: "This right of privacy, whether it be founded in the Fourteenth Amendment's concept of personal liberty and restrictions upon state action, as we feel it is, or . . . in the Ninth Amendment's reservation of rights to the people, is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy."

There are several distinctive features about this reasoning. First of all, in the entire decision, no specific clause of the Constitution is cited as a

Republicanism remains alive and well on GW campus

As the chairman of the GW College Republicans, I must answer Mr. Klemm's blatant attacks on our fine organization (The GW Hatchet, Jan. 14). To begin with, Graham was an appointment of the board, not a board member. As a freshman, he was eager to get involved at the outset but from his statements and actions he was obviously not ready to stay the course as a point of light in our club, which has been stronger this year than ever before. We have hardly become useless this year; we have been more active, including rallies, speakers and membership meetings for a sum total of 20 events this semester in addition to our weekly board meetings, posterings of campus, phonebanking, and endless hours spent at Bush-Quayle headquarters. I will not allow those of our membership, and there are many, or those on our board, like Scott McDonald who has worked tirelessly on two excellent issues of the Observer, to go unspoken for. Some members spent vacations writing to Congress this summer, sending out countless invitations to speak, which have finally come to fruition in a good speaker schedule for the spring now that the election is over.

We have not been useless to the University, offering our support to Superdance, campus escort, tutoring programs and going into local public schools to talk about what it means to be a Republican. This demonstrates our level of commitment to our community and our University as a whole. Furthermore, there exists members on our board who support the Republican Party platform, and the promotion of that platform is our goal. We achieve it by educating through speakers and the Observer. If supporting the party and the platform that stands for individual rights

and freedoms makes you an "ultra-conservative" then it also makes you a Republican by the same token. There is a wide diversity of beliefs on our board and within our membership. Some are pro-choice, some pro-life, some a mix of the two, favoring some restrictions, opposing others. I would be interested in his definition of religious right since I know of no individual on our board that truly fits this mold. We have members who support our party's platform and the party — if this is a crime, as he sees it, then maybe he should take some time, look at his party affiliation, and see if the party is what he really wants.

sity abounds in opinions on the board and I think that that is wonderful — it took the Lynn Martins, the Pat Buchanans and the Jack Kemps to assemble a party and a platform that is so strong — and led us to victory so many times. One branch of the party cannot survive without the others. We've never excluded those "extremes" in our party as the Democrats have and we've benefited greatly from all of the little differences that help us to look at different points of view.

Now as to Graham's communication argument. Posterings in vast quantities has been undertaken this semester for almost every event. I never saw Graham out there with us for these cold sessions — but they took place nonetheless. Also, mailers went out for each event — again Graham never helped to deliver them — but others did and they went out all over campus. When events took place in the short term — each of our members got a personal phone call from a board member inviting them to come — I've listened to so many machines now, it's incredible. And others have done the same. Again no Graham. In addition to this, the Observer has been published twice and gone to all members as well as all over campus to communicate what is going on. And we've had one general membership meeting every month where we've updated everyone on happenings. In previous years, this was done at about one or maybe two an entire year! So, drastic improvements have been made in our communications and we have announced important news items at every speaker and rally we have held — so if you didn't make a meeting you were still up to date. And if this was still inconvenient, then we hosted three

membership tables plus voter registration tables where literature and real live board members were there to take questions and give answers. I never see you at too many of these, Graham, but they happened. And if one of these many methods is not enough, all of our board members hold an office hour every week in the CRs office and would be glad to tell you about any social events, projects, speakers, Observer deadlines, or perhaps just do some conservative bonding with you or field your complaints if you aren't receiving your flyers or can't stand your liberal professors or need some help finding an internship or just want to get involved. Also, members can always call me (and many have) with any problems regarding the club, and they are more than welcome to attend board meetings on Sundays at 3 p.m. We've gotten quite a bit of press, too, in the Hatchet and the Insider — and yours is the first bad press we've had, Graham. So, sometimes you can catch us there in an op-ed or news piece. If any board members have expressed these problems to Graham I would urge them to come forward. We have some super momentum — we have actually grown since the election, and there is no time for infighting — I have spoken with just about all of the board, and no complaints yet.

So, I would urge you to reveal your sources, Mr. Klemm. You haven't seen our past, Mr. Klemm, but I and most of the board have. I promise you that this year has been the best for us in a while. To all of you CRs out there, keep the faith and please get in touch with us through one of our many ways of communicating with you. We are a good club and a strong club and we will win in 1996. If you have any suggestions

regarding how we can better serve you — that is what we have been elected to do — do not hesitate to drop by and visit. We're right next door to the CDs, harassing them about Bill Clinton.

I am sorry that your level of dedication to the club was not higher, Graham. As head of our philanthropy department, you scheduled one night of student escort service for us (we had a great time) and then failed to stay yourself except for just an hour or so. So sincere thanks to our general members and the board for showing up to help out your club and the University community. Our goals, Mr. Klemm, of helping our party and defending our platform and our leadership in government are well-defined. No one on the board, even those you label and demean, fall outside of the platform into the realm of the reactionary. There are other clubs for that on this campus. I urge you to go over the platform. The board is either perfectly in line with the party or holds a few moderate variations here and there on the social issues; we reflect diverse views of our members, and we communicate with them on many various levels. I do not wish you the least bit of success in dividing our party or our club. Another Republican once said, "United we stand, divided we fall." So many people have worked so very hard, Graham, toward what you say you didn't see. We would have welcomed your help as part of the solution — but instead you have become part of the problem and have abandoned ship. And while you are gone we will remain to provide for the wants and needs of our members and our community.

Rachel Talbert is chairman of the College Republicans.

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STUDENT HEALTH

Med. Ctr. works with area organizations to promote early prevention of eye disease

by Ginny Garcia

Senior Staff Writer

The GW Medical Center will collaborate on a month-long vision test project with several local organizations to alert the local community about how important regular eye care can be in preventing blindness and other vision deficiencies.

Promoted by Channel 4 News and manufactured by vision research company VisTech Consultants, the Contrast Sensitivity Vision Test kit is available to the public at D.C. metropolitan area People's Drug stores at no cost. The test measures sensitivity to light and the ability to distinguish different shades of gray on a gray background.

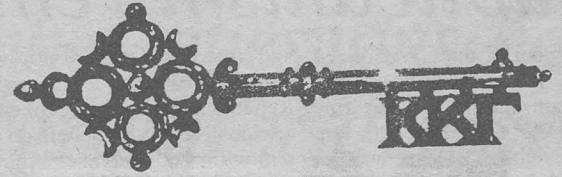
GW Media Relations Representative Jill Sachs said GW was approached by VisTech and the University thought the Vision Test would be a beneficial service to provide to the community. The medical center's role is to provide

letters to the patients about what their test results mean, Sachs said. Jane Baldwin, executive director of VisTech Consultants, said the medical center has also alerted area ophthalmologists to the test.

When completed, the tests are returned to a People's Drug pharmacist, who will then send the kit to the medical center for analysis. Sachs said the tests are graded by GWUMC staff and trained volunteers from the Delta Gamma Foundation, whose mission includes vision testing programs. The Delta Gamma Foundation, which sanctioned the vision tests, also conducts vision tests on pre-school children. Both Delta Gamma alumna and current members are volunteering to score the vision tests at GWUMC.

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Forum recommends educational reform

by Sean Rockhold

Hatchet Staff Writer

The economy will not prosper until the nation's education system is strengthened, National Education Association President Keith Geiger said to 5,000 Youth Town Meeting participants at the Smith Center Tuesday morning.

Geiger was one of nine government and industry representatives who participated in the event sponsored by the Close Up Foundation and the College Democrats of America.

The audience, comprised mainly of high school and college students, focused many of their questions on current problems in the education system. "You can't separate the economy from education," Geiger said.

Indiana Gov. B. Evan Bayh III agreed and added that "over time a country's economy can be no healthier than the knowledge and education of the people who live there."

Geiger said a large part of the problem is that public schools rely heavily on property taxes for funding. "The statement that as the rich have gotten richer, the poor have gotten poorer goes for schools also," he said.

Apple Computer Chairman and CEO John Scully said the United States suffers from having an education system which trains students only for college. "We have to provide an education system that prepares all of the students, not just the 20 percent going on to college," he said.

The federal deficit was also a concern for many members of the audience. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) agreed that deficit reduction should be a concern, but said it cannot be the government's only concern. A larger concern should be "growing the economy," she said.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) said foreign policy must not be lost amidst all of the domestic concerns. The main problem is that foreign aid is wastefully given to important allies rather than to countries with legitimate need, she said. "It's not what percentage you spend on foreign aid, it's what you really call foreign aid and is it truly making a difference in the world," she added.



photo by Sloan Ginn

Terminator 2 star Robert Patrick (center) poses with GW students prior to the Lead or Leave-sponsored Town Meeting for America's Youth.

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the meeting. Vargas, the youngest mayor in California and the youngest Latino mayor in the United States, urged the panelists to educate young people in campaign management, so more young Americans can get involved in politics.

In addition to the discussion of young people's involvement in politics, the

meeting gave the audience the chance to bring up what it saw as the major problems facing youth today, including secondary public education and collegiate financial aid.

On the subject of the public education system, all the guests agreed a great deal of the money allocated to education is mismanaged and wasted. Molinari said in New York City the amount of money spent on education totals about \$7,000 per student. However, because of huge administrations, little of the money is actually used in the classroom, she added.

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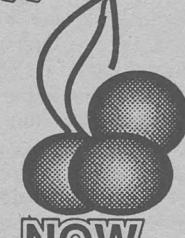
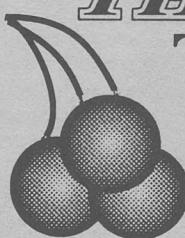
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INAUGURATION 1993:

Students get caught up in D.C. celebrations

by Kati Gazella

Hatchet Staff Writer

College students from across the country who attended this week's Inaugural events showed excitement about the prospects of the new Clinton administration.

Amy Thompson from the University of Georgia said she particularly enjoyed America's Reunion on the Mall, a two-day festival of music, crafts and entertainment. Thompson said she feels lucky to be in the District during this time, adding that she is "very hopeful about what Clinton can do."

GW students appeared excited to be so close to the activities surrounding the Inauguration. "Most people had to travel across the country to see this, but we have it in our own backyard," freshman Heather McNatt said.

Several students said Bill Clinton is a welcome change after George Bush. "Clinton is already doing better than Bush, just in the way he relates to real people," said Amy McClan, a sophomore at Miami University in Ohio.

Darryl Anderson, a student at the University of North Carolina, said under Clinton "things can't get any worse than they were with Bush."

Students also praised Clinton's attention to the nation's youth. "This is only the second democratic president of our lifetime, and it's nice to have someone pay attention to us," Kim Blander of Loyola University said.

Leigh Anne Grant, a senior at University of Wyoming, added that "after twelve years of alienation by the Republican Party, we are finally being treated like real people."

Students were pleased with Clinton's plans for financial aid and student loans. "He really seems to be sympathetic about the needs of college students," Catholic University student Joe Amodio said.

Some students said they disagree with the amount of money being spent on the Inaugural festivities. "Clinton has promised to cut the deficit, but throws a really expensive party before he even takes the oath," North Georgia College student Kip Monroe said.

Not all students, however, were excited about the new administration. "I think that Clinton can only do more harm to the country, and he scares me," University of Oregon student Kristen Landis said.



photo by Elissa Leibowitz

GW students Melissa Bobb (front) and Kate Hubbard read the messages left for President Clinton on a giant billboard at Sunday's America's Reunion on the Mall.



photo by Carla D'Aiello

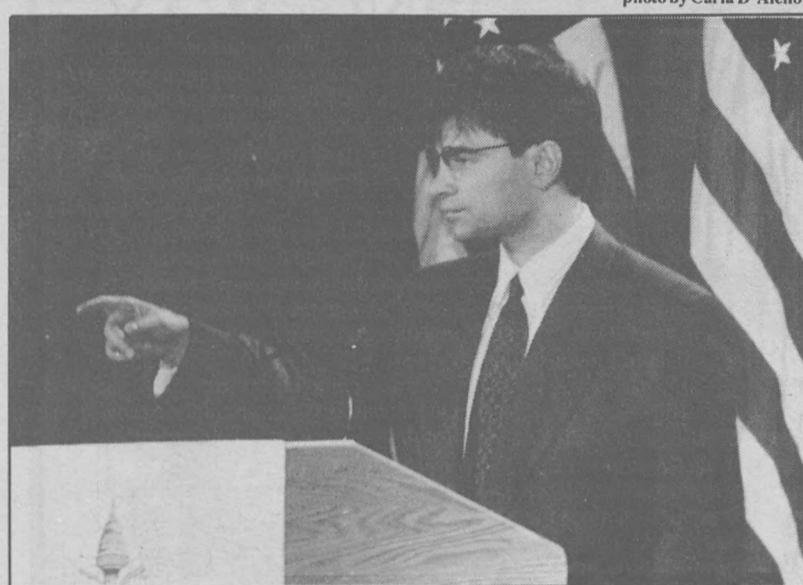


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The U.S. Capitol Building stood out more than ever for Wednesday's Inauguration (above). Below, President Clinton's Communications Director George Stephanopoulos briefed reporters at the Press Center in the Marvin Center Tuesday.

INAUGURAL NOTEBOOK

- Hundreds of thousands of people came to the nation's capital this week to attend the Inaugural activities, and most will leave with not only a patriotic experience under their belt, but with a funny story or two about what crazy things happened while in town.
- Here are a few we came across:
 - At Sunday's America's Reunion concert, a man was frustrated trying to see the stage from the crowd of 300,000. In search of a better view, the man tried to climb onto the top of a row of Port-o-potties. When he finally mounted one, the roof collapsed and he got to meet its occupant up-close.
 - Did you try to ride the Metro Sunday? More than 200,000 other people did too. The GWU / Foggy Bottom station was backed up so much that a line formed outside the station, down 23rd Street and around the block onto H Street. Police had to direct gridlocked traffic in the GW area as well.
 - Many reporters enjoyed the use of a first-time ever press center housed in the Marvin Center Ballroom. More than 200 phones and work stations were set up for visiting journalists, and many said they liked the idea. The problem: some complained that they did not know how to make a local phone call — so the Presidential Inauguration Committee placed directions for them on the walls. They had to use calling cards — too bad it will cost their news organizations almost a dollar instead of the usual few pennies.
 - While viewing the parade on 17th Street next to the Old Executive Office Building, several different accents could be heard, of course, further illustrating the diversity of those who attended the Inaugural festivities. One parade participant from Kentucky told The GW Hatchet that last year he thought his son would never walk again. But Wednesday he was holding a banner in the parade to honor the new president. Bill Clinton's mom wasn't the only proud parent at the parade.
 - Another amazing parade sight: A woman standing on 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue decided she wanted a hot pretzel but could not reach a vendor's line because of the crowd. So, she asked people to pass a dollar through the crowd until it reached the vendor. Amazingly enough, a hot pretzel was returned.
 - While fighting the crowds along Constitution Avenue after the Swearing-In ceremony, Hatchet staffers spotted Al Franken of "Saturday Night Live" waiting in line for food. He donned a black top hat and waved upon hearing, "Hi, Al." Reportedly, the lesser-known Al was here to comment on the Inauguration for cable's Comedy Central.

-Paul Connolly and Lisa Leiter

The following is a complete text of President Clinton's Inaugural address Jan. 20 at the United States Capitol. My fellow citizens:

Today, we celebrate the mystery of American renewal.

This ceremony is held in the depth of today winter. But, by the words we speak and look at the faces we show the world, we force the world to renew.

A spring reborn in the world's oldest democracy, that brings forth the vision and courage to reinvent America.

When our founders boldly declared America's independence to the world and must do our purposes to the Almighty, they knew America, to endure, would have to will no change.

Not change for change's sake, but choosing to preserve America's ideals — for life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. Though we march to the music of our children, our mission is timeless.

Each generation must define what it means to be an American.

On behalf of our nation, I salute my predecessor for his half-century of service to America, and thank the millions of men and women whose steadfastness and sacrifice triumphed over Depression, fascism, and Communism.

Today, a generation raised in the shadows of the Cold War assumes new responsibilities in a world warmed by the sunshine of freedom but threatened still by ancient hatreds and new plagues.

Raised in unrivaled prosperity, we inherit an economy still the world's strongest, but weakened by business failures, stagnant wages, increasing inequality, and deep divisions among our people.

When George Washington first took the oath I have just sworn to uphold, news traveled slowly across the land on horseback and across the oceans by boat. Now, the sights and sounds of this ceremony are broadcast instantaneously to billions around the world.

Communications and commerce are global; investment is mobile; technology is almost magical; and ambition for a better life is universal. We earn our livelihood in peaceful competition with people all across the world.

Profound and powerful forces are shaking and remaking our world, and the urgent question of our age is whether we can make change our friend and not our enemy.

This new world has already enriched the lives of millions of Americans who are able to compete and win it. But when most people are working harder for less, when others cannot work at all; when the cost of health care devastates millions and threatens to bankrupt many of our enterprises, great and small; when fear of crime robs law abiding citizens of their freedom; and when millions of poor children cannot even imagine the lives we are calling them to lead — we have not made change our friend.

We know we have to face hard truths and take strong steps. But we have not done so. Instead, we have drifted, and that drifting has eroded our resources, fractured our economy and shaken our confidence.

Though our challenges are fearsome, so are our strengths. Americans have always been a restless, questing, hopeful people. We must bring to our task today the vision and will of those who came before us.

From our revolution to the Civil War, to the Great Depression to the civil rights movement, our people have mustered the determination to construct from these crises the pillars of our history.

Thomas Jefferson believed that to preserve the very foundations of our nation, we would need dramatic change from time to time. My fellow citizens, this (See)

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text our time. Let us embrace it. Address our democracy must be not only the capitol of the world but the engine of our renewal. There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.

depth of today, we pledge that the era of peak and lock and drift is over — a new force of American renewal has begun. To renew America, we must be bold. We must do what no generation has had vision before. We must invest more in our people and in our own future, and at the same time cut our massive debt. And we must do so in a world in which we know compete for every opportunity. This will not be easy; it will require sacrifice, but it can be done, and done fairly, choosing sacrifice for its own sake, for our own sake. We must provide for pinlessness the way a family provides for our children.



Our Founders saw themselves in the posterity. We can do no less. One who has ever watched a child's wander into sleep knows what posterity is. Posterity is the world to come — world for whom we hold our ideals, whom we have borrowed our planet, to whom we bear sacred responsibility.

We must do what America does best: opportunity to all and demand responsibility from all. It is time to break the bad habit of expecting something for nothing, from government or from each other. Let us take more responsibility, not only for ourselves and our families but for our communities and our country.

To renew America, we must revitalize democracy.

This beautiful capital, like every capital since the dawn of civilization, is a place of intrigue and calculation. Powerful people maneuver for position and endlessly about who is in and who is out, who is up and who is down, forgetting the people whose toil and sweat sends here and pays their way.

Americans deserve better. In this city, there are people who want to do better. Let us resolve to reform our politics, so power and privilege no longer shut out the voice of the people. Let us put personal advantage so that we can feel the pain and see the promise of America.

Let us resolve to make our government for what Franklin Roosevelt called "persistent experimentation," a commitment for our tomorrows, not our yesterdays.

Let us give this capital back to the people to whom it belongs. To renew America, we must meet challenges abroad as well as at home. There is clear division today between what is foreign and what is domestic — the economy, the world environment, the AIDS crisis, the world arms that affect us all.

Today, as an old order passes, the new is more free but less stable.

(See SPEECH, p. 11)

Reunion displays spice of American culture

Thousands flock to star-studded event to experience rich national character

by Collin Hill
Senior Staff Writer

Hoopla 1. great excitement 2. showy publicity. That about sums it up. America's Reunion on the Mall was an ambitious undertaking, a cross-section of this country's cultures that succeeded almost in spite of itself.

There was so much stuff to do and see that it was a shame the event couldn't have been spread out over a longer period. A week probably would have done the acts better justice. Some of the bigger names in under-appreciated genres got to show off for an audience that was all warm and fuzzy in the expectation of a left-leaning White House. Etta James, Wynton Marsalis, Taj Mahal, Buckwheat Zydeco, McCoy Tyner, Michelle Shocked, Booker T. & the MG's, Los Lobos, Staple Singers, Asleep at the Wheel, Charles Brown, the Winans, Peter, Paul and Mary, Albert Collins, Rev. Al Green, and multitudes more ably represented jazz, blues — electric and traditional — country-western, gospel, soul, rock, world-beat and Latin musics. They gave proud testimony to the diversity of American culture which Clinton made so much noise over.

Selected snippets

Given the wealth of things to see you had to be selective. I only saw two complete sets, Al Green and Albert Collins and snippets of Charles Brown and Wynton Marsalis. Green was the last act on Sunday and since I rolled in at 2 p.m. I missed a great deal of earlier acts in the day. Of course the chance to see one of the top few singers alive

today — completely free nonetheless — more than made up for the oversleeping oversight.

Working the crowd, Green's preaching background was obvious. He knew what the people wanted and he gave it to them — old favorites like "Let's Stay Together," "Funny How Time Slips Away," and "Take Me To the River." His vocal range and power were breathtaking and I left Freedom Hall feeling great. He kicked me out of the funk that descending hordes of dumb tourists in even dumber hats can put a man into.

After that, the entire tent city closed down rapidly like they were anticipating some kind of late afternoon attack. With nowhere else to go the warm, fuzzy hordes and I were driven to the Lincoln Memorial for the Call For Reunion gala. This was where the showy publicity part came into play. It was mainstream and suffered for it. It bore too strong a resemblance to the Miss America Pageant or Oscar show. Nevertheless it was almost impossible not to get swept up in the patriotic wave. The music and the genuine feeling of goodwill throughout the crowd was hard to resist.

With this backing him up, Clinton's speech was rather inspiring, but the anticipation for his actual Inaugural speech overshadowed it. It was simply a revved up and rehashed version of his campaign rhetoric. Still, it was stirring.

As the procession made its way across the Arlington Memorial Bridge to ring the bell and start a pealing cascade across the country, Ray Charles dusted off the commercial mothballs to sing his classic version of "America the Beautiful." With his sincere singing he



photo by Dave Jackson

Fireworks explode over the city following the Bells of Hope bell ringing ceremony Sunday at Lady Bird Johnson Park.

preceded him. After that was the interminable wait for the fireworks, and the warm fuzzy feeling was replaced by a cold anxious feeling. The fireworks were spectacular and worth the wait.

Legends in their own time

I planned the next day better, arriving on the Mall at 1:30 p.m. My loyalties were divided between seeing a step show and Wynton Marsalis. The line for the step show was huge, so Wynton won out. I only caught the last song but it was good. He had moved away from bebop and was doing the Dixieland of his native New Orleans. Next I moved down a tent to see a few songs by legendary piano player Charles Brown. He showed why he's on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame short list. His flashy boogie-woogie style of playing was a

precursor to rock.

The food and arts and crafts tents

were really crowded, so there wasn't an

opportunity to sample America's culi-

nary and crafts heritage, but rumor has it

it was a worthwhile diversion. I waited

for the teen throngs to exit Town Hall

and went in to get a seat vacated by Toad

The Wet Sprocket fans. I was waiting

for Albert Collins the self-described

"Master of the Telecaster." The throng

didn't go far enough away, because a

hearty few camped in front of Toad's

trailer and squeals erupted periodically

whenever a member was sighted.

The seats were really tight and being

but to knee with total strangers does

little to foster good feelings. The crowd

was jovial and a couple in matching

black leather jackets chatted with me

unperturbed by the fact that my friends'

knees were pressed against their butts.

That's goodwill.



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There was a large turnout for Sunday's concert at the Lincoln Memorial.

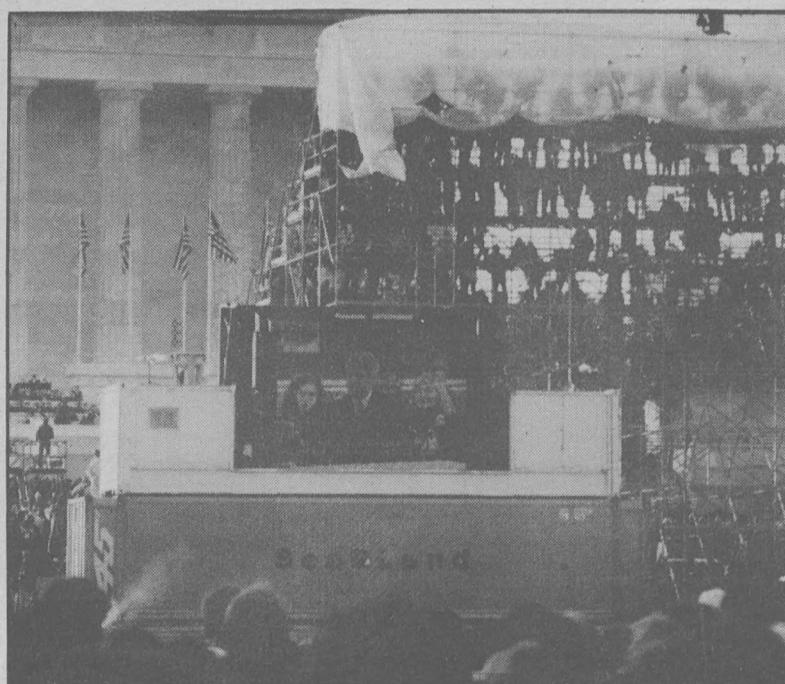


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President Bill Clinton addresses the audience via large-screen televisions at the Lincoln Memorial.

INAUGURATION 1993

Parade reflects nation's diversity

Inaugural gatherers patiently waited along Pennsylvania Avenue for more than three hours after the Swearing-In to watch the spirit of America on parade.

President Clinton, Vice President Gore and their respective families kicked off the three-hour parade around 3 p.m., driving from the Capitol to their viewing stand in front of the White House. The new leaders even exited from their Secret Service-protected cars to parade on foot, shaking hands with and waving to enthusiastic parade-goers.

The parade's participants represented a variety of life from across the country. The parade was broken into five divisions, each with a different theme focusing on the future of the country during Clinton's administration. In all, there were 148 groups parading.

More than 10,000 people participated in the parade, from military and high school marching bands and floats, and even the Precision Lawn Chair Drill Team from Vail, Colo.

Students wandering around GW's campus encountered some of the parade participants as they made their way down 21st Street back to their buses and vans. Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis waved to passers-by outside Tower Records, and "Sesame Street's" Big Bird made a quick stop in the Marvin Center.

The Homestead High School Marching Band ventured to Washington from their hurricane-ravaged town in Homestead, Fla., exemplifying the human spirit Clinton and his administration hoped to express throughout the procession.

-Elissa Leibowitz



photo by Karsten Bohm

GW students rose above the rest to get a better view of Wednesday's Inaugural Parade on Pennsylvania Avenue.



photo by Dave Jackson

The Count, of the PBS children's television show "Sesame Street," waved Ol' Glory at Wednesday's Inaugural Parade, reassuring Americans their vote counted.

GW junior marches in Inaugural parade

Student leader carries AIDS Quilt panel

by John Rega

Hatchet Staff Writer

GW junior Georgia Graham joined the ranks of those from across the country who paraded on Pennsylvania Avenue Wednesday to honor President Clinton.

Amid the floats, bands and Elvis impersonators in the Presidential Inaugural Parade, Graham marched with 253 fellow volunteers from The NAMES Project, the national organization responsible for the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

"Giddy," was how Graham described her feelings after her long day, which began in the parking lot of the Pentagon at 10:30 a.m., and finally ended when she passed the reviewing stand at 6 p.m. She was third to last in the group to pass by Clinton, Graham said.

Graham's group carried 82 panels from the Quilt. Among the panels were some presenting words from Clinton himself about his commitment to AIDS. "We were called by the president to present the Quilt. So we also presented him with his promises, as a warning that we will be watching," she said.

Graham marched with the panel commemorating the death of Ryan White, the teenage boy whose plight made national headlines until his death last year. "I met Ryan White's mother. She was looking for her son's panel. She just stood there, looked at us and said 'thanks,'" Graham said.

Graham became involved with The NAMES Project after seeing a portion of the Quilt displayed last spring in the Marvin Center. "The display here really impressed, shocked and scared me," she said.

Graham is the president of the GW chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society, which cosponsored a musical tribute to AIDS victims with the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS and The NAMES Project. While working on the tribute, Graham met people from the national organization of The NAMES Project, which led to her becoming directly involved with the organization, she said.

She also said she was responsible for putting together educational material for school groups visiting the Quilt.

Graham also works with the Red Cross as an AIDS peer educator. She has presented seminars to GW student groups, University administrators and Freshmen Advising Workshops and said she sometimes uses panels from the Quilt in her presentations.

"I am very pro-Clinton," Graham said. "I think he will be very proactive about getting AIDS education into schools," she added. Graham said education, rather than increased funding for research, should be the focus of the battle against AIDS. "If it was a choice between money for research and money for education, I would unequivocally go with education," she said.

Graham is an Australian citizen, but is currently applying for U.S. citizenship. She said she decided to apply for U.S. citizenship because Clinton was elected President. She first moved to the United States in 1984 and has moved back and forth between here and Australia since then.

Homeless renew hope for future prospects

by Michelle Dixon

Hatchet Staff Writer

Affordable housing really is the key. Jobs don't do any good if people can't afford a place to live."

The Community for Creative Non-Violence hosted an Inaugural Ball for the Homeless People Tuesday, allowing the D.C. homeless to celebrate a "renewed chance for the country" with Democratic President Bill Clinton.

"The homeless people are not any different than anyone else — they just wanted to have an Inaugural celebration like everyone else," CCNV spokesperson Keith Mitchell said.

More than 500 guests arrived, in addition to more than 100 press people, and several celebrities, Mitchell said. The ball was held at the Great Hall in the Hubert Humphrey Building on Third Street and Independence Avenue S.E. Mitchell said by Monday, 90 percent of the 350 available tickets had been distributed.

"We (CCNV) gave tickets to shelters and people who work with homeless people, so the shelters provide the tickets to the people," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said the new administration would be facing some important homeless issues in the next four years. "We need focus on hunger in America; we need affordable housing, health care for the homeless, and jobs," he explained.

Larry said he has hope, however, for the new administration. "Yeah, I think the outlook in the next four years looks good — but I guess we'll just have to wait and see." He also said he thinks the new president will do more for the homeless than the last administration.

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Communism's collapse has called forth old animosities and new dangers. Clearly America must continue to lead the world we did so much to make.

While America rebuilds at home, we will not shrink from the challenges, nor fail to seize the opportunities, of this new world. Together with our friends and allies, we will work to shape change, lest it engulf us.

When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community defied, we will act — with peaceful diplomacy when possible, with force when necessary. The brave Americans serving our nation in the Persian Gulf, in Somalia, and wherever else they stand are testament to our resolve.

But our greatest strength is the power of our ideas, which are still new in many lands. Across the world, we see them embraced — and we rejoice. Our hopes, our hearts, and our hands, are with those on every continent who are building democracy and freedom. Their cause is America's cause.

The American people have summoned the change we celebrate today. You have raised your voices in an unmistakable chorus. You have cast your votes in historic numbers. And you have changed the face of the Congress, the presidency, and the political process itself.

Yes, you have forced the spring. Now we must do the work the season demands.

To that work I now turn, with all the authority of my office. I ask the Congress to join with me. But no President, no Congress, no government, can undertake this mission alone.

My fellow Americans, you, too, must play your part in our renewal.

I challenge a new generation of young Americans to a season of service — to act on your idealism by helping troubled children, keeping company with those in need, reconnecting our torn communities. There is much to be done — enough for millions of others who are still young in spirit to give of themselves in service, too.

In serving, we recognize a simple but powerful truth: We need each other. And we must care for one another.

Today, we do more than celebrate America; we rededicate ourselves to the very idea of America:

— an idea born in revolution and renewed through two centuries of challenge;

— an idea tempered by the knowledge that, but for fate, we — the fortunate and unfortunate — might have been each other;

— an idea ennobled by the faith that our nation can summon from its diversity the deepest measure of unity;

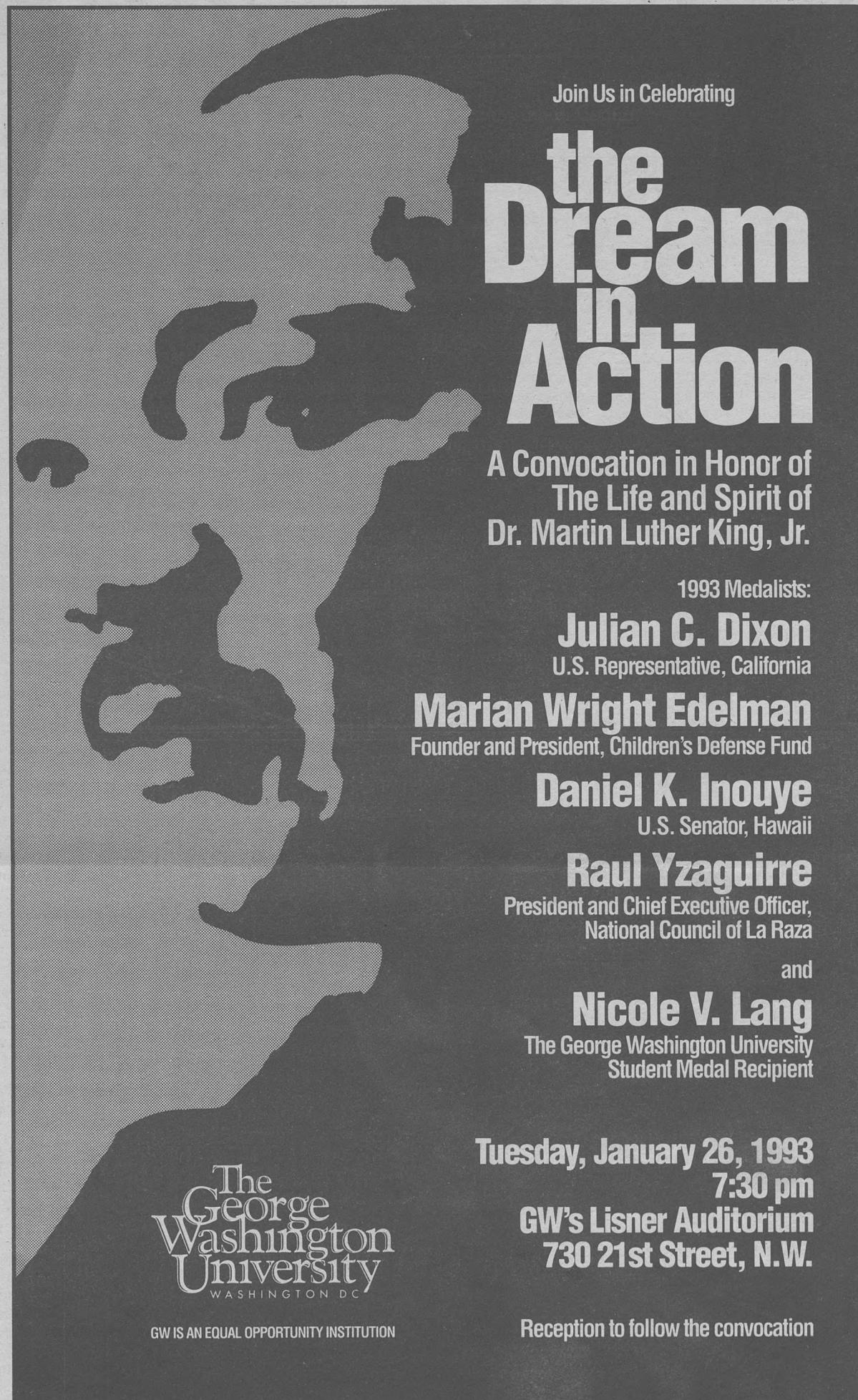
— an idea infused with the conviction that America's long heroic journey must go forever upward.

And so, at the edge of the 21st Century, let us begin with energy and hope, with faith and discipline, and let us work until our work is done. The scripture says, "And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not."

From this joyful mountain top of celebration, we hear a call to service in the valley.

We have heard the trumpets. We have changed the guard. And now — each in our own way, and with God's help — we must answer the call.

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IMPRESSIONS

Van Damme's acting improves, plot offers recycled action cliches

by Eydie Kaufman

Nowhere to Run, Jean-Claude Van Damme's newest movie, has just enough action and humor to save a weak and unoriginal plot.

This movie represents a slight departure from Van Damme's typical soldier / cyborg roles. Of course he still is the hero. Sam Gillen (Van Damme) is an escaped convict seeking refuge from the long arm of the law. He winds up camping out next to an isolated cabin, the home of Claybie (Rosanna Arquette) and her two children. The young Mike (Kieran Culkin), also called Mookie throughout the film, was adorable and funny as the fearless child who discovers Sam hiding in the woods.

The movie quickly turns toward the well-known plot of big business intimidates small land owner in an attempt to make farmers sell vital property needed to erect a modern and extremely lucrative housing development. In an attempt to run Claybie and the other local hicks out of town, the bad guys resort to setting fire to houses, killing cattle, and buying off the local sheriffs.

Mike winds up befriending Sam and shortly thereafter Sam becomes more than friends with Mike's mom. In an overwhelming urge of decency and masochism, Sam fights to protect the farm and its helpless occupants.

The fight scenes are less extravagant than in *Universal Soldier*, Van Damme's last movie. Since he helps to coordinate all the fight scenes he does, the action is consistent and

fairly believable. The one farfetched action scene took place when a high-speed chase occurred between Sam and the law. Sam is riding a newly renovated Triumph motorcycle and he manages to escape pursuit by jeeps, cars, horses, motorcycles and even bicycles.

Van Damme and Culkin fit together well on the screen. Culkin looks to Van Damme as a replacement for his dead father. This allows a reasonable attachment to the Muscles from Brussels. The humor flows well between them. Culkin's character is funny, but not in a Hollywood, cutesy way.

The tension between Van Damme and the evildoers is evident and sufficient to make us root for the hero. Van Damme's acting skill has increased drastically since his earlier films. He makes the role believable and intense.

The biggest disappointment in the film is Arquette. Her character — Claybie — was shallow and stupid. The acting was mediocre at best, and the character development was so nonexistent that it was hard to feel any sympathy for her situation. Claybie's romantic jump from Lannie, the town sheriff, to Sam is so rapid and undeveloped that it makes her look like a brainless bimbo.

Despite a predictable plot with few surprises, *Nowhere to Run* is enjoyable entertainment. While die-hard Van Damme fans will undoubtedly be slightly disappointed by the minimal amount of martial arts-style fighting, fans of Van Damme's body will be happy to know that he does appear semi-naked. Aimed at a broader audience, the humor and action mixed well to produce a smooth-running film.



Sam (Van Damme) and Mike (Culkin) flee through the woods

Singers honor Martin Luther King with mixture of musical tributes

by Scott Jared

Music at its extremes makes you wince. Often the sounds are so wrong, so unpleasant you can't help but grimace. Other times, it is played so raw and so loud, you have to squint your eyes and scrunch up your face to keep from being ripped apart from the ears in. The blues can be played honestly enough that a single guitar lick will rip at your insides.

But rarely is music so good, sung with such passion and celebration, that you wince in awe at the talent of the voices and instruments delivering it. The gospel-singing Sounds of Blackness' tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. presented by the Washington Performing Arts Society last Sunday at the Kennedy Center did just that.

At any given moment during the two-hour tribute members of the packed

house winced, clapped, danced, shook their heads and raised their hands in appreciation of the 30 voices and 10 instruments announcing the passion of Dr. King's life.

The program was divided into sections of music reflecting King's roots, his faith, his life and his dream, each one taking on the character of the period it represented, whether it be Conga drums, spirituals, speech texts set to music or feverish optimism through song.

While, thankfully, no-matter the theme, every song in Sounds of Blackness' tribute was grounded firmly in the gospel tradition which earned them a Grammy, the tribute spanned the spectrum of African-American music — encompassing rap, jazz, guitar solos, funk and blues. This combination is the amalgam which makes Sounds of Blackness a departure from many other

more traditional gospel groups.

Four interpreters — two men clad in tuxedos with Kente cloth tie and cummerbunds and two women boasting bold headdresses — further marked the show's diversity as they danced and signed to every note and word. The interplay between the musicians and interpreters reached an entertaining and humorous apex during LaSalle Gabriel's guitar solo of "We Shall Overcome." Struggling to keep up with Gabriel's flurries and improvisations, the interpreter eventually resorted to air guitar for the feverish end.

But like any good show, Sounds of Blackness' tribute saved the best for last with a rousing extended version of "Optimistic" enhanced by Dionne Warwick's surprise appearance from the audience.

Dr. King would have certainly approved.



Sounds of Blackness

Texan band revises the punk rock sound

If buttholes are peepshows
Then the nigs are the windows
To the soul of this ridiculous world.

by Sarah Western

On Jan. 18 the Skatenigs wandered on stage at the 9:30 Club shortly after 9:30. The tattooed maybe-skaters yelled at us a little then screwed up our heartbeats with a new song they call "Parasites." Then the Nigs spun into "Chemical Imbalance" — a small, alternative club hit and easily the most accessible song played, but only got a small response from the hardcores present who came to see Fear headline the show. They seemed to prefer the song "I Got It Made." The better to toss you to, I suppose.

The 40-minute set featured songs off the group's latest release *Stupid People Shouldn't Breed* (Megaforce / Polygram) and not yet available tracks like "Passion for Destruction" and "Rip Off." The Skatenigs live give you the feeling of watching a new punk form with industrial overtones, rap undertones and a whole lot of feedback that rattles your eardrums and would do the same to say,

a garage door. It's informal, it's loud, and it's fun.

After the band's set, I floated through the spike-clad, Bud drinkin' crowd to the dressing rooms where I was told I could do an impromptu interview. The Nigs' manager said the band was a bunch of nice guys and thank God for that — cuz when I opened the door I found them all standing around naked. They invited me in but I declined and chose to wait and watch their pizza grow mold and hear about their desires to fuck sheep.

One cigarette later Billy Jackson emerged (clothed) and introduced himself as the guitarist, charmer (and possible cross dresser?) of the Skatenigs from Austin, Texas. We chatted about the possibilities of an inNIGuration, the Nig police who would stop me if I didn't stay for Fear and of course, the necessary things like — who's in the band? Mr. Philo Owen was the guy on the microphone who joined Billy and spoke very seriously to me while gesturing with a bottle of Jim Beam that was damn near empty. And although I saw the rest of the Nigs naked I didn't meet them, but they are Matt Modrell — guitar, Lance Moulder — bass, Chip Fisher — drums and a fellow named Megabyte who does the keyboards, sampling and loopy dancing on the side of the stage.

I'm sorry you missed it, and I wish I could tell you more. But, Billy Jackson did say: "This is our first time in D.C. and we'll be back soon if you don't behave yourself."

ARTS & FEATURES

Lust isn't satisfying

by Rachel Privler

Sex is twisted, turned, indulged and used to satiate the needy characters of *Free Will and Wanton Lust*, the stage comedy by Nicky Silver playing at the Woolly Mammoth Theater through Feb. 14.

An amusingly pathetic, dysfunctional family introduces itself member by member, each in the middle of a sexual crisis. Claire is a sex craved, unhappy mother and wife who needs vain young lovers to satisfy her need to see beauty in the world. She appears to be shallow and uninterested in her family, only giving attention to the kisses of her bare-chested lover Tony.

During the first act, Claire's daughter, Amy, threatens to commit suicide and / or become a lesbian to prove her independence from men. Instead of responding with the eloquence of a concerned mother, Claire forgets her daughter's name. As awful as this sounds, the timing and circumstance create a tragically funny scene. The juxtaposition of comedy and sadness is used over and over by Silver to pull sympathetic laughter from the audience.

In the second act, Claire's seemingly aloof attitude is disclosed as sarcasm and bitterness because of a stressful relationship with her sick mother. Claire's inappropriate but amusing responses to her daughter are no longer funny when the audience is aware of the problem's source. This breaks the

comedic flow of the play.

Philip, the neurotic son, is concurrently the saddest and funniest character. Philip twitches, shakes and is unable to make a statement without repeating himself. His body movement and exaggerated facial expressions left the audience helpless to laughter and pity for Philip's dilemmas with masturbation, homosexuality and intimacy. In a long monologue, Philip discusses his sexual history and defensively accuses the audiences of doing the same things. His dramatic neurosis is funny until his stories lead him to utter depression and psychosomatic illness.

Philip's fiancee, Vivian, is equally amusing. Painfully frigid, she seems a perfect match for Philip. Her tightly bound hair style is a perfect example of her character. When meeting Vivian for the first time, Claire compliments her coif and asks, "Does it hurt?"

The plush purple set is modern and chic. Flowing velvet curtains and smooth satin bedspreads contrast the confused and disturbed mood of the characters. They banter endlessly and spin into revealing self-absorbed monologues.

Although *Free Will and Wanton Lust* uses sex as an enticing and humorous theme, the characters are too pathetic to bear and their serious sexual plights lead the audience nowhere. The empty sex in *Free Will and Wanton Lust* condemns a somewhat funny play to the same emptiness in purpose and plot.



The bare chested Tony (Christopher Lane) unleashes his wanton lust on Vivian (Naomi Jacobson) whose frosty exterior melts under the heat of his passion.

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SPORTS

Losing streak grows to 3 games with 76-68 Minutemen victory

by Vince Tuss
Sports Editor

An 18-2 run at the start of the game doomed the GW men's basketball team to suffer its third straight Atlantic 10 Conference loss, falling 76-68 to Massachusetts Saturday in Amherst, Mass.

Center Yinka Dare's layup on the Colonials' first possession of the game scored the team's only points until Dare picked up his own rebound and slammed it home with 11:19 left in the first half. The basket doubled the squad's total at that point from two to four.

Poor outside shooting plagued GW (10-4 overall, 0-3 in the A-10) at the start of the contest. In the first three minutes, the starters managed to make only one of their 11 shots, for an atrocious nine percent from the field. After Dare's dunk and a three-pointer from guard Dirk Surles, it jumped to 27 percent.

For the first time in the year, all of the Colonial newcomers broke into the starting five. Kwame Evans (11 points) and Vaughn Jones (two points), replacing Surles and Nimbo Hammons, joined Dare and Omo Moses in the lineup. The four keyed the squad's comeback against Temple Jan. 12.

Surles led the team, scoring 15 points off the bench. Moses followed with 12

and Bill Brigham added 10, along with seven rebounds.

GW cut the Minutemen's lead at the end of the first half and at the beginning of the second with a full-court press, forcing five turnovers to slice the margin to 34-26. Brigham missed a three-point shot that could have put the

of him, but Surles shielded them from touching the ball. The referees, however, ruled it a jump ball and awarded the ball to UMass over Jarvis' objections, which earned the technical.

Forward Tony Barbee made both of the foul shots to boost the lead to 39-28, but the run did not stop there. After a Dare miss, UMass set up guard Derrick Kellogg for a three-point shot and he drew Moses out to foul him. The shot fell and Kellogg went to the free-throw line to complete a four-point play. He converted it and the Colonials found themselves down 15 points with 14:07 to go in the contest.

Statistics told a relatively even tale of the game. Both shot just over 45 percent from the field (GW 45.3 percent, UMass 46.7 percent). No one significantly outrebounded the opponent. Each took close to the same number of three-pointers.

However, one anomaly stands out. The Minutemen went to the free-throw line 38 times, making 28 of their shots. Comparatively, the Colonials had the opportunity to make foul shots only 14 times and made just five. In the first half, GW stayed distant from the free-throw line, going there a scant two times and the team missed them both.

Until the last seconds of the second half, the closest GW could come to the hosts was nine points. In the process, the

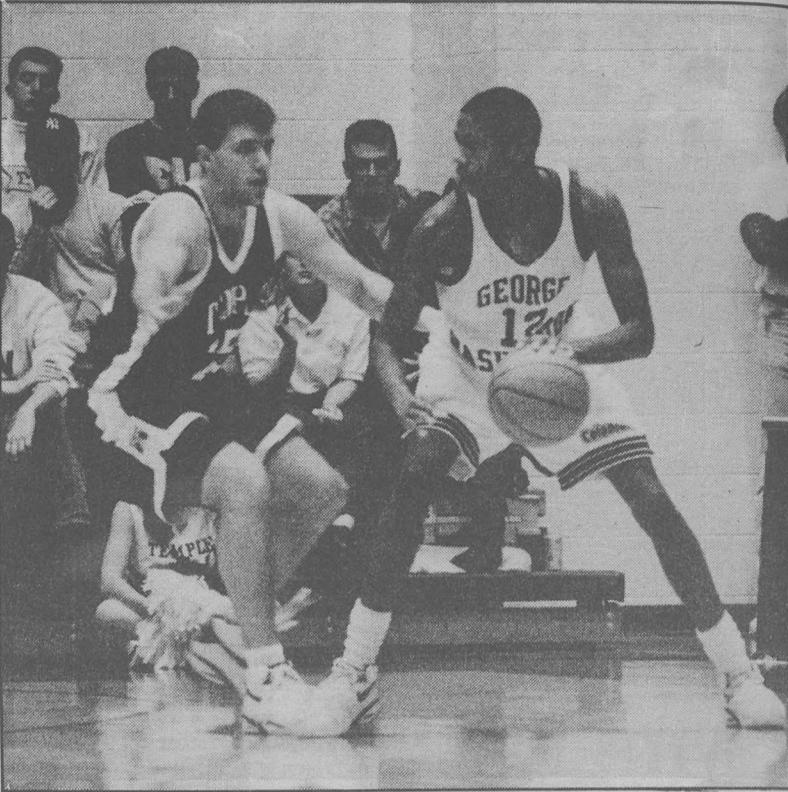


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Kwame Evans took over as starting shooting guard versus UMass.

team kept fouling, racking up 28 total in Williams, but Moses ended the game on the attempt to stop the clock and keep a three-point shot to make the final score themselves in the game. However, 76-68.

Dunks — The Colonials took a week off from competition after playing four games in 10 days. They next play Rhode Island Saturday at the Smith Center at 12 p.m. Once again, WDCA-TV, Channel 20, will show the contest.



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The Colonial Women look inside to Martha Williams.

ATLANTIC 10 STANDINGS

MEN'S BASKETBALL	A-10 OVERALL
1. ST. JOSEPH'S	3-0 9-3
2. TEMPLE	3-1 8-3
MASSACHUSETTS	3-1 9-4
4. RHODE ISLAND	2-1 10-4
5. RUTGERS	1-2 8-7
WEST VIRGINIA	1-2 7-5
7. GW	0-3 10-4
ST. BONAVENTURE	0-3 7-5

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	A-10 OVERALL
1. RUTGERS	3-0 8-5
2. WEST VIRGINIA	2-2 5-9
GW	1-1 9-4
MASSACHUSETTS	1-1 5-7
RHODE ISLAND	1-1 6-7
6. ST. BONAVENTURE	1-2 10-3
TEMPLE	1-2 6-9
8. ST. JOSEPH'S	0-1 8-4

West Virginia 82, GW 71

Martha Williams scored the first basket for GW, which began its early lead over the Mountaineers. The Colonial Women earned a 13-4 advantage with only five minutes of play. GW could not hold on, though, as WVU turned the tables. In the next five minutes, the Mountaineers tied up the game 13-13 with a nine-point run.

The two teams continued the close battle throughout the end of the first period, but GW prevailed with a combined effort in the final minutes to

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GW has always had bad luck when it came to playing SJU. The Lady Hawks' upset the Colonial Women twice last season and had knocked them out of the first-round of the A-10 Tournament at GW two years ago.

GW 80, St. Joseph's 77

The Colonial Women trailed St. Joseph's in the first half of their A-10 game of the year, but the Colonial Women came back to not only defeat the Lady Hawks 80-77, but also to add a fifth game onto their quickly-increasing winning streak.

The Colonial Women rectified their problem in the second-half by holding St. Joe's to only 25 percent from three-point range, while improving their own percentage to 66.7.

Hoops — The Colonial Women will host Massachusetts Monday at 7 p.m. at the Smith Center.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL- GW 80, SJU 77						
GW	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
SAAR	40	10-15	4-4	1-7	3	27
SHASKY	40	5-7	1-2	0-4	3	12
WILLIAMS	28	7-9	3-5	2-5	4	17
LONERGAN	26	1-2	0-3	0-3	3	8
HEMERY	40	5-10	3-4	1-5	3	15
SAWYERS	18	1-4	0-0	1-2	1	2
DOLPHIN	8	1-3	3-4	0-0	0	2
TOTALS	200	30-50	14-22	5-26	19	80

ST. JOSEPH'S MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
CODNER	33	7-17	3-3	2-6	4
MALLON	37	7-18	3-5	2-4	3
JOHNSON	26	3-5	2-2	7-9	3
CURRY	40	7-17	4-4	1-4	3
HENDERSON	35	2-4	1-4	2-6	5
MOORE	13	0-1	2-2	0-1	3
BOSTICK	7	1-1	0-0	1-4	1
HARMON	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
NEMETH	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0
TOTALS	200	28-64	15-20	18-37	21

Endurance persevered in Saturday's confrontation as Hemery, Saar and Shasky played the entire 40 minutes. Saar led GW in its closely-won victory with 27 points, shooting 100 percent at the line. Hemery and Shasky added 17 and 15 points, respectively to the Colonial Women's effort.

Although GW was down 37-39 at halftime, the team shot 57.5 percent from the field to beat the 51.5 percent made by the Lady Hawks. Where the Colonial Women hit trouble, however, was St. Joe's Katie Curry, who made all of the Lady Hawks' six three-pointers. Curry played the entire game to score 24 points overall.

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